AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please substitute the following amended claims 1-3 and 5 for those presently pending in the application.

1. (Twice Amended)   A method for producing a compressed video bitstream that includes compressed video data for a plurality of frames from data that specifies a single still image, the method comprising the steps of:

5   fetching the data for the still image;

encoding the data for the single still image into data for an intra ("I") frame;

storing the encoded I frame data; and

assembling the compressed video bitstream by appropriately

10 combining data for:

at least a single copy of the stored I frame;

at least one null frame; and

various headers required for decodability of the compressed video bitstream;

15 whereby decoding of the compressed video bitstream produces frames of video which produce images that do not appear to pulse visually.

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